DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH DIWAN BY NON-OFFICIAL BODIES

433. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are any objections to non-official bodies such as Panchayats, Co-operative Societies, Irrigation Boards, Board of Honorary Visitors to Hospitals, etc., which are not directly under the Government, addressing direct to the Diwan or the Hon'ble Minister as the case may be about official matters without the knowledge of the Departmental Head ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any of these bodies have addressed other than through the Departmental Heads about official matters ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is also in the affirmative, the names of such bodies ;

(*d*) the reasons for such direct correspondence in each instance ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes. As a general rule, such non-official bodies should correspond with the Government, only through the Departmental Heads concerned.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is not easily possible to trace the names of such bodies, as no separate records are available.

(*d*) Perhaps due to the extreme urgency of the matter and in some cases to ignorance of the procedure to be adopted.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—APPOINTMENT OF KUDUMBI CHETTIES

434. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted that since the constitution of the Staff Selection Board only one member belonging to the community of Kudumbi Chetties has been appointed by the Board ;

(*b*) if the statement made in (*a*) above is incorrect, what the number of appointments is, which the Board has made from the said community ;

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